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CHEAP PAUPER FOREIGN LABOUR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir.—Your paper frequently laid by one practical

comment that our people must be protected from the competition of cheap pauper foreign labour. Who

are the immigrants? I am referring to the Chinese, the Japanese, the Hindoo, the Malay, the Fiji,

and so on, who have come here to compete with us; we are as well off as many of our people; their wages are 40s a year, with dwelling, &amp;c.

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THE BOOT TRADE TROUBLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir.—In your paper of yesterday Mr. Alderson, secretary of the Manchester Agricultural Society, remarks that the Co-operative Company's wages were £10 per week, and that the men had been given £10 per week.

Mr. Alderson says that the English wages provided for, wages £12.5s., a German companion, wages £10.

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one of the trucks in motion, and then getting a front of the truck tried to stop it. This he failed to do, and his head became jammed between the buffer of the moving truck and that of a stationary truck. The boy was removed to St. George's Cottage Hospital, Kogarah, where he died.

**SHRIMP DRAWS AT READING.** — Mrs. Mary Turner, age 77, was yesterday morning found dead in bed at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. J. S. McGowen, M.L.A., 59 Botany-street, Redfern. Mrs. Turner had been ill bed the previous evening in her usual health.

**FIRE IN PADDINGTON.** — The official report of the fire that occurred in Paddington early yesterday morning, and which was reported in yesterday's second edition of the *Herald*, states that No. 454 Oxford-street, occupied by Mr. and Joseph Eller, grocer, was severely damaged, and that No. 456, opposite, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Eller, milliner, was slightly damaged by heat and water. The front window of an adjoining pawnbroker's establishment was broken by the heat.

In another column an advertisement appears inviting general service for employment to Mr. G. W. Williams, Chatswood, Queensland.

**STEAMER "SEYNE" WILL LEAVE FOR THE HAWKESBURY.** — The Hawkesbury River will be closed to steamers at 2 o'clock to-morrow for the Hawkesbury Wharf, and entering Broken Bay, and about 10 miles from the wharf Barrenjoey will make a turn round Pittwater and South Head to return to the usual Saturday port of the Hawkesbury. The usual Saturday port of the Hawkesbury will be taken up to-morrow. Train leaves Sydney at 9 a.m. and Wilson's at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday.

**Mr. W. BRUCE, Acting Government Statistician, has prepared from the Statistical Register of 1895 in the "Statistical Register of Australia," and compiled a series of tables, and, compiled sections of each, and other returns.**

Messrs. Anderson & Co.'s catalogue for 1896 is now a very interesting and complete book both in the number of articles, the variety of kitchen goods, the bath or hot houses, the plantation or the pasture. The catalogue is a valuable guide to the housewife.

It is another respect, too, the catalogues is interesting, since it is accurately printed.

Among the new catalogues, carriage, hardware, and others. The catalogue is a useful and reliable guide to the housewife.

Messrs. Baker and Son's new catalogue of household articles contains a full list of these goods, and a quantity of formulae and advice should be helpful to photographers.

## THE COAL-MINERS' STRIKE.

### MATTERS NOT CHANGED.

The miners' strike in the coal trade strike does not affect miners, so that the struggle is approaching its termination. Both parties remain firm in their attitude. It is not to be expected that either side will be willing to give way, or not when they unanimously decided to refuse the demands of the Miners' Association, or the proprietors of the mines largely share that the selling price of coal should be raised by a combination to 50 per cent. but to 40 per cent. in order not only fall into the hands of dealers and traders, but directions for the removal of growing numbers of these miners.

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## SPECIAL CABLES. FROM THE HERALD'S LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

### THE SOUDAN EXPEDITION. THE ADVANCE FROM THE RESERVE.

### PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE MIXED TRIBUNAL.

LONDON, April 29.

In its defence at the proceedings before the Mixed Tribunal at Cairo against the Egyptian Government and the members of the Caisse de la Dette Publique, for the advance from the Egyptian Reserve for the purposes of the Upper Nile Expedition, the Egyptian Government relies upon the resolution of the Caisse de la Dette passed in 1892 empowering any four members to deal with the reserve.

The Tribunal will give its decision on 11th May.

### ADDRESS BY LORD SALISBURY.

LONDON, April 30.

In addressing a gathering of members of the Primrose League last night Lord Salisbury referred to the British expedition to the Soudan.

He said that it was England's duty to recover the lost Southern Egypt, which was now under the most fiendish despotism that had ever cursed the earth. Without attempting to foreshadow the immediate advance of the expedition into the Soudan, he might say that the expedition was in accord with the trust that England had been fulfilling and also with the pledges she had given.

### ITALY AND ABYSSINIA.

#### THE OCCUPATION OF KASSALA.

LONDON, April 29.

General Baldassera, the Italian commander in Abyssinia, has been directed to retain Kassala until the autumn, when a final decision with regard to the retention or abandonment of the town will be come to.

### THE JEDDAH OUTRAGES.

#### TURKISH INDEMNITY.

LONDON, April 30.

The Turkish Government has consented to pay a sum of £24,000 as an indemnity for the outrages on the foreign Consuls at Jeddah in Arabia.

### THE CUBAN INSURRECTION.

LONDON, April 30.

A Spanish gunboat has captured an American schooner, which was conveying arms to Cuba for the insurgents.

### THE MUSWELL LODGE MURDER.

#### CONFESSOR OF AN ACCOMPLICE.

LONDON, April 29.

Milson, one of the men arrested on suspicion of having caused the death of Mr. Henry Smith, who was brutally murdered at Muswell Lodge, North London, on 14th February, has confessed that he was an accessory to the murder, which was actually committed by Fowler, another of the men arrested. After his arrest Fowler attempted to commit suicide.

### LONDON WOOL SALES.

LONDON, April 29.

At the wool sales to-day competition was good, and prices were unchanged.

April 30.

Very faulty sorts show a decline of 7 per cent., as compared with the closing rates of last series.

The following rates have been realised : Bodvarie, 6d.; Oakaballa, 6d.; Wirra, 8d.; Nanima, 8d.; Goodinib, 9d.; Kirkell, 1d.; Bygno, 14d.

### THE PERTH MINT.

LONDON, April 29.

Lieutenant John Francis Campbell has been appointed Master of the Perth Mint, about to be established at Perth.

### DROUGHT IN SPAIN.

LONDON, April 30.

The crops in Spain are being ruined by the prolonged drought.

### STRIKE IN THE BUILDING TRADE.

LONDON, April 30.

A strike for higher wages has taken place in the building trade of London. 10,000 hands have stopped work.

### SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN INVESTMENT COMPANY.

LONDON, April 30.

The Scottish Australian Investment Company has declared a dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, and carried forward £1148.

### NEWMARKET FIRST SPRING MEETING.

LONDON, April 29.

At the Newmarket First Spring Meeting to-day the contest for the leading event on the programme resulted as under :— Two, Mr. J. F. O'Connell, 2nd, a native of Victoria. Mr. A. A. Newman vice-president of the Chamber of Mines, is suffering from a slight attack of fever. Dr. Ellis is also down with fever.

### TO-DAY.

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### REBEL WAR NEAR HAVANA.

Large supplies of Havana tobacco have been cabled for by Duxon, of Sydney, for their Boscombe Cigars. Note Boscombe are machine-made for 6d.—ADVT.

## SPECIAL CABLES.

### FROM THE HERALD'S LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

### THE MATABELE REVOLT.

SITUATION AT BULUWAYO.

LONDON, April 29.

The Matabele natives who were threatening Buluwayo have retired 10 miles away.

One of the principal chiefs is disposed to submit to the Chartered Company's authorities.

A brother of Khamza, the Bechuanas chief, has undertaken to convey 50 wagons of flour to Buluwayo.

April 30.

Colonel Baden-Powell sailed on Saturday for South Africa to take the post of Chief Staff Officer at Buluwayo.

Lord Grey, who was lately appointed Successor to the Chartered Company's chief in Mashonaland, in succession to Dr. Jameson, has reached Mangwe. He will proceed to Buluwayo. A royal colonial league has been formed in the frontier towns of Cape Colony.

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## MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

TURNOVER EVENING.

A steady business in investment securities continued to be done in the Stock and Share market.

Prices of the principal stocks remain firm, with a heading tendency. New South Wales, under Stock has again risen 4, and is difficult to obtain.

Bank shares have in good respect at full prices. In Sydney, North Coast advanced to 16d.

In Sydney, Hunter River were a trifling increase.

Insurance shares remained steady. Australian Gaslight again sold at 15d. City of Goulburn being 6d higher. Bank of New South Wales declined slightly.

In miscellaneous share Colonial Banking at 14d. Silverton Tramway recovered, and after selling at 8d, has buyer at 9d.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following was reported:—Australian Gaslight, 15d; New South Wales Funds, 15d; North Coast Steam, 15d; Australian Gaslight, 15d; Marshall's Brewery, 2s 1d; Colonial Sugar, 2s 1d; Silverton Tramway, 8s 4d; At 4 o'clock A.J.S. Banks 9s 6d; Colonial Sugar, ex div., 2s 1d. The closing quotations were:—

Company	Capital paid up	Share Capital	Ordinary Shares	Preference Shares	Stock	Price
West. Bros.	£ 1,000,000	£ 1,000,000	111	110		90
E.S.V. & Co.	1,000,000	1,000,000	112	112		90
Dist. Deb.	1,000,000	1,000,000	111	111		90
N.S.W. Dist. Deb.	1,000,000	1,000,000	111	111		90
Colonial Bank	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	100		80
Bank of N.S.W.	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	100		80
Aust. Gaslight	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	100		80
Marshall's	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	100		80
City of Goulburn	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	100		80
Colonial Banking	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	100		80
Silverton Tramway	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	100		80
Colonial Sugar	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	100		80
Colonial Sugar, ex div.	1,000,000	1,000,000	100	100		80

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The directors beg to submit, for the information of the shareholders, the following report on the business of the company for the half-year ended 31st March, 1896:—

The profits made during that period, after deduction of dividends, were £55,166 16 10, to which sum has to be added the balance of £1,000,000 100, which was retained on 26th September, 1895:—

Leaving available £183,133 8 2

The sales of refined sugar during the half-year have been very large, and the directors have pleasure in reporting that a part of the reduction in the selling price of sugar has been offset by the increased value of that had been maintained between 1895 and 1896 will again be made.

The general position of the company's mills in the past season shows a further reduction, and the prospects of the coming crop in New South Wales and Queensland are not encouraging. Some injury has been done by excessive rains.

The board regret greatly that Mr. Buckland, who recently offered himself as a director, Dr. H. N. MacLaurin, M.L.C., is the only candidate for the vacant seat.

EDWARD KNOX, Chairman.

Sydney, April 1st, 1896. In moving the adoption of the report on the company's business, said: Bearing in mind the low prices that ruled during the first three months of the year, we have decided to defer the election of a director until our present cannot be considered otherwise than satisfactory; we have done a very large business, and have received part of the proceeds of our sales on credit, and our sales for some time past have been increasing.

In regard to our future, we have no doubt that our arrangements with our customers will be punctual to enable us to advance our prices will depend on the course of the Mauritius market for a large extent, and the price of the next crop will be determined there.

In regard to the work of ours during the coming year, I can say that in Feb. we have a very important factor in the weather, which is a disturbing factor in our estimates. In New South Wales, also, the weather is far in a better condition than it has been for some time past, and there is yet much uncertainty about the output. We are not at present any new work going on, and we have to wait and see what the result of the present case is before we can start the work of the next crop.

In New South Wales, of course, no such work is being undertaken.

At our last meeting Parliament has decided that the sugar duty shall be abolished gradually from July, 1897, and we have accordingly been unable to ascertain what effect this will have on the sugar industry in New South Wales, so far as our refining business is concerned, the abolition of the duty will not affect us in any way.

At our last meeting the case is different, and the closing of these is the result of a change in the law which is not met by an order of the day.

The hardware department of the Import market showed a slight increase in price, but this was a disturbing factor in our estimates.

In New South Wales, the imports of sugar for the first quarter of the year, as will be seen below, amounted to £132,366, exceed the total for the first quarter of the year, as will be seen as follows:—

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Four months 1895 ...	£ 400,000

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The Customs collections at Sydney for the month of April amounting to £135,355 show a decrease of £23,562. The following shows the revenue for each month of the year in comparison with the total for the preceding year:—

Month.	1895.	1896.	Increase.
January ...	£ 100,000	£ 100,000	£ 0
February ...	100,000	100,000	0
March ...	100,000	100,000	0
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Total ...	£ 400,000	£ 400,000	£ 0
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